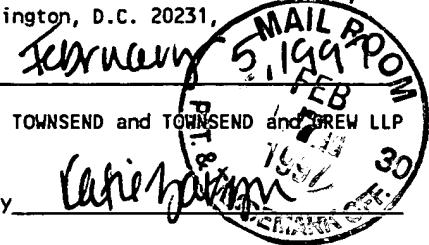


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In re application of:)
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Application No.: 08/561,958) Examiner: M. Mendez
Filed: November 22, 1995) Art Unit: 3306
For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR) RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION
ELECTROSURGICAL CUTTING AND) REQUIREMENT AND AMENDMENT
ABLATION)

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Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement mailed January 7, 1997, please amend this application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 1, 23, 24, 29, 30, 43, 45, 48, 52, 54 and 55 as follows.

1. (Once Amended) A method for applying electrical energy to a target site on a structure within a patient's body, the method comprising:

providing an active electrode and a return electrode electrically coupled to a high frequency voltage source;

positioning [an] the active electrode into at least close proximity with the target site in the presence of an electrically conducting liquid;

positioning [a] the return electrode within the electrically conducting liquid to generate a current flow path between the target site and the return electrode; and